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CALABARZON RPMC conducts PSS for Bacoor and Lipa-Padre Garcia Diversion road projects



Ongoing construction activities in Bacoor Diversion Road Project. Photo by: DPWH Region IV-A

The CALABARZON Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) conducted problem-solving sessions (PSS) for the Bacoor Diversion Road and Lipa City-Padre Garcia Diversion Road Projects on October 6 through Zoom video conference. The PSS aimed to facilitate resolution of the projects' implementation issues.

The Bacoor Diversion Road Project involves the construction of a 7.8-kilometer road starting from Emilio Aguinaldo Highway and ending at Tirona Highway. The project aims to reduce the volume of traffic in Bacoor City. The main issues of the project are the delayed relocation of informal settler families

(ISFs) due to restrictions brought by the COVID-19 Pandemic and the remaining right-of-way (ROW) acquisition by the DPWH Region IV-A. The Bacoor City Government, represented by Mayor Lanie Mercado-Revilla committed to continue their coordination with the Regional IATF and DILG on the relocation of the ISFs. The RPMC recommended for DPWH Region IV-A to check the project's elevation design vis-a-vis with the Cavite Expressway, and ensure that it will provide adequate flood protection in the area.

The other project discussed was the Lipa City-Padre Garcia Diversion Road which involves the opening and construction of a 11.35-kilometer road from Padre Garcia to Lipa City in Batangas. The project is expected to decongest the north and southbound traffic crossing Lipa City. The project was also delayed due to ROW acquisition issues. The DPWH Region IV-A committed to finalize the ROW negotiations with the affected lot owners within the year. The RPMC recommended for the DPWH Region IV-A to review and fully utilize their resources to fastrack the implementation of the project.

The two projects will form part of the regular agenda of succeeding RPMC meetings to closely monitor their progress and the resolution of the projects' issues.

CALABARZON RPMC endorses BatStateU as the 2021 Outstanding Project Implementer

The CALABARZON RPMC endorsed to the RDC Adhoc Committee on Awards the Batangas State University (BatStateU) as the 2021 Outstanding Project Implementer during its fourth quarter meeting on November 4 via video conference.

The Search for Outstanding Project Implementer (SOPI) is an annual activity of the RPMC which aims to promote the efficient and effective implementation of development projects in the Region. The project implementer will be evaluated based on its efficiency in project management and implementation, innovations and good practices, and budget utilization.

The BatStateU enrolled its Construction of Two-Storey Student Services Center Building Project in the Search. The Project was implemented from December 2019 to December 2020 with a total funding of PHP22 million. The BatStateU passed the Search evaluation criteria and was recommended for award by the Evaluation Committee during its validation meeting on October 28. Among the innovations of BatStateU include the creation of multiple-layered project management



The two-storey center Project provides a one-stop facility for BatStateU students. Photo by: BatStateU

implementation and management process, and evaluation of external providers for ongoing and completed projects.

The BatStateU will be awarded as the 2021 Outstanding Project Implementer during the fourth quarter meeting of the CALABARZON RDC on December 9.